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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Now I have to ask Senator Bourne another question.

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, Senator Bourne, the sticking point has already been resolved, based on what Senator Bromm said, relative to agreeing to let the line that affects Sarpy County be drawn the way the affected senators want it. And with his agreement to that item, is the rest of his plan acceptable?

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, I think there is still some issue as to the boundary on the...the...the boundary between the 1st and 3rd Congressional District. But I think that Senator Bromm and others have indicated a willingness to work, and I do believe that we can reach a compromise.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bourne. I see Senator Bromm is in discussion again. I'm not going to interrupt his discussion at this time, but I have my light on one more time. I wonder if Senator...oh, Senator Schimek is here. I would ask her this question, Senator Schimek, before all this started, I had said that in ordinary activities on the floor of the Legislature it's hard to tell which party a person belongs to. But, if there is a matter of import to a sitting Governor, the members of that Governor's party will usually vote a party line, and that...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...redistricting would be a time when the parties will show their muscle and the partisanship would surface. And some people in the same article said that they thought that redistricting would occur without partisanship. I'd like to ask you this question, do you believe that during the interim, between General File and Select File, that the two parties are not going to get involved and try to work their will? Is that your belief?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator, I...I can't speak to that for